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SUBJECT:FRENCH OFFICIAL AND MEDIA REACTION TO JUDGE
POLLACK'S CONCORDE DECISION.

1.SUMMARY:JUDGE POLLACK'S DECISION WAS WELCOMED BY
FRENCH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND AIR FRANCE PRESIDENT.
STORY WAS MAJOR SUBJECT ON TELEVISION, RADIO AND IN THE
PRESS. COMMENTATORS CALLED DECISION A VICTORY FOR THE
SST,BUT POINTED OUT THAT THE LONG BATTLE WAS FAR FROM
WON.

2.IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AS SOON AS JUDGE POLLACK'S
RULING WAS KNOWN,SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION MARCEL
CAVILLE SAID:"CONCORDE HAS JUST WON ANOTHER BATTLE.
I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE DECISIVE. IT IS IN ANY CASE
OF CAPITAL IMPORTANCE. JUDGE POLLACK HAS IN FACT RULED
THAT THE WAITING PERIOD IMPOSED ON CONCORDE WAS
DISCRIMINATORY AND UNREASONABLE.HE WILL THEREFORE ORDER
THE NEW YORK PORT AUTHORITY TO ALLOW THE SUPERSONIC
AIRCRAFT'S LANDING.THE POSITION OF THE JUDGE
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CORRESPONDS TO WHAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS
PLEADED BY SAYING THAT IT WILL IN NO CASE ACCEPT A
DISCRIMINATORY MEASURE AGAINST CONCORDE. TODAY
PERSEVERANCE AND FIRMNESS ARE BEING REWARDED.IT IS
THIS ACTION OF THE (FRENCH) GOVERNMENT, NOT AGITATION
OR UNTIMELY DEMONSTRATIONS, THAT HAVE ENABLED US TO WIN
OUR CASE. OF COURSE, EVERYTHING IS NOT OVER. AN APPEAL

AGAINST THE RULING IS TO BE EXPECTED. BUT I THINK
THIS PROCEDURE WILL MERELY DELAY THE OUTCOME. IN FACT,
OUR CONFIDENCE IS BEING JUSTIFIED AND OUR CONVICTION
THAT CONCORDE WILL SOON LAND IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN
REINFORCED." ALSO WIDELY ECHOED IN MEDIA WAS STATEMENT
BY AIR FRANCE PRESIDENT PIERRE GIRAUDÉ SAYING:"AIR
FRANCE IS READY,ONCE THE NECESSARY TEST FLIGHTS HAVE
BEEN MADE,TO PUT CONCORDE INTO SERVICE ON THE
PARIS-NEW YORK LINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

2.AMBASSADOR HARTMAN MADE STATEMENT FOR RADIO FRANCE-
INTER EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH JUDGE POLLACK'S
DECISION WHICH WAS CONSISTENT WITH POSITION MAINTAINED
ALL ALONG BY USG. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT CONCORDE DESERVES
A FAIR TRIAL. WHILE WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN A COPY OF
POLLACK'S DECISION, WHICH WILL STILL BE SUBJECT TO
APPEAL, AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED, WE BELIEVE THIS
DECISION BRINGS MUCH CLOSER THE DAY WHEN CONCORDE
WILL BE PERMITTED TO LAND AT NEW YORK. AMBASSADOR'S
STATEMENT CARRIED ON AFTERNOON RADIO NEWS BROADCAST
AND ALSO PICKED UP IN PART BY AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE.

3.L'AURE (MODERATE RIGHT) COMMENTED THAT POLLACK'S
DECISION WAS ONLY AN APPARENT VICTORY. CONCORDE, WHICH
HAS OVERCOME THE SOUND BARRIER, HAS NOT YET OVERCOME
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THE BARRIER OF JUDICIAL PROCEDURE.

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4.LE MATIN (PRO-SOCIALIST) STATED THAT AMERICAN DOMESTIC QUARREL WHICH PITS STATE AUTHORITIES AGAINST THOSE OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS HARD FOR EUROPEANS TO UNDERSTAND. BECAUSE OF ITS INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS, IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT JIMMY CARTER WILL DISCREETLY TRY TO SETTLE THE DIFFERENCE....HE REALIZES HOW IMPORTANT THE MATTER HAS BECOME ON A DIPLOMATIC LEVEL.

5.LES ECHOS (CONSERVATIVE) NOTED THAT WEDNESDAY'S RULING HAD AT LEAST THE MERIT OF OBLIGING PROTECTIONISTS OF ALL SHADES TO OPERATE MORE AND MORE OPENLY.

6.LE FIGARO (MODERATE, CONSERVATIVE) POINTED OUT THAT ONLY AT THE END OF THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD IN WASHINGTON--SEPTEMBER 24--WOULD ONE BE ABLE TO FORESEE THE OUTCOME OF THIS JUDICIAL MARATHON, IRRITATING IN MANY RESPECTS. "BESIDES THE CERTAINTY WE HAVE THAT THE AMERICANS ARE OPPOSING A TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT BECAUSE IT IS FOREIGN-MADE, WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC WHY A LOCAL AUTHORITY
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CAN HOLD IN CHECK THE FEDERAL AUTHORITY.... THE INJURY CAUSED TO THE MANUFACTURERS AND TO THE TWO AIRLINES FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF IS ALREADY SO CONSIDERABLE THAT A FINAL DECISION FAVORABLE TO CONCORDE OUGHT TO BE TAKEN RAPIDLY."

7.INDEPENDENT BORDEAUX DAILY SUD-OUEST ADDED THAT THE CASE CAN BE EXPECTED TO GO FROM THE COURT OF APPEALS TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT.

8. COMMUNIST L'HUMANITE REPORTED DECISION IN LOW-KEY AND WITHOUT CRITICAL COMMENT.
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